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Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you had an enjoyable summer. It was lovely to see the children returning to school this week with happy, smiley faces!

A special welcome to all of the new pupils and parents who have joined us this week.

Welcome Meetings

To start the new school year, we give you the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher(s) and to learn about the year ahead. We hope that a parent or carer is able to attend. The dates and times of the meetings are:

Year 1: Tuesday 17th September at 5:00-5:30pm

Year 2: Wednesday 18th September at 5:30-6:00pm

Year 3: Tuesday 17th September at 5:30-6:00pm

Year 4: Wednesday 18th September at 5:00-5:30pm

Year 5: Tuesday 17th September at 4:30-5:00pm

Year 6: Wednesday 18th September at 4:30-5:00pm

Information shared during the meetings will be uploaded to the class webpages afterwards for handy reference during the year.

Parents' Evenings for **Foundation 1** and **Foundation 2** children will take place on **Tuesday 8th October** and **Wednesday 9th October** between **3:30-6:00pm**. Details about how to book an appointment will be sent to parents shortly. Parents evenings for Years 1-6 will take place after half term and more details will follow soon.



FoDS News

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and the children have settled back into school well.

For the new Dawpool families joining the school; Friends of Dawpool School (FoDS) are a group of volunteers responsible for planning, organising and running events for the children, families, staff and local community, to raise funds for the school. This is only possible with the help and support from all parents, families, and staff of the school, so we would encourage everyone to help as often as they can.

This year, the roles of the committee will be voted on at the AGM taking place in school on **Monday 23rd September at 7:15pm**. As always, all roles will need to be re-elected and new candidates would be most welcome. The FoDS Secretaries will be stepping

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down and this is a role we will need to fill.

We have found that filling each role with 2 people has proven quite successful, so if you and a friend are interested in joining the committee as a pair, we'd love to have you involved.

Attending the meeting is a great opportunity to contribute ideas for events and vote on how money raised at events can be spent within the school. You don't have to be a committee member to attend the meetings.

We understand that families are busier than ever, so any help you are able to offer to support our fundraising, big or small, would be fantastic.

If you have any questions, please speak with your class representative, a committee member or email friendsofdawpoolschool@gmail.com

PE Day

OUR PE DAYS ARE:

The children will have PE lessons on the following days:

Foundation 2: Friday
Year 1: Wednesday
Year 2: Thursday
Year 3: Monday
Year 4: Tuesday
Year 5: Thursday

Year 6: Thursday

Children may come to school on their PE day wearing their PE kit.

- Navy shorts or skirts
- White t-shirt (with or without school logo)
- Plain navy tracksuit (in colder weather)
- Trainers

Children should not wear 'own clothes or football kits on their PE day. It is important that all pupils adhere to the items of PE uniform listed above.

Please note PE days may change each term to allow all our children to experience the specialist coaching from Clare Mount Specialist Sports College.

Finally, if anyone has photos of their children taking part in the different sporting events that took place last year, please could you email them to the school office so we can include them in school displays.

TERM DATES

To support excellent attendance of pupils, all of the Term Dates until **Summer 2026** can be found on the council website [here](#).

Please note that family holidays **will not be authorised in term time**. This includes leaving school early on a Friday to facilitate weekend breaks. Unauthorised holidays will be reported to the local authority and a fixed penalty notice may be issued.

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All non-emergency appointments, including routine dental appointments, should be made out of school hours.

Inset Days

The remaining INSET Days for 2023-24 are as follows:

- **Monday 6th January 2025**
- **Friday 2nd May 2025**
- **Monday 21st July 2025**
- **Tuesday 22nd July 2025**



School Clubs

We will shortly be informing you about this term's offer of extra-curricular clubs and activities. Please note that Chess Club will resume for KS2 pupils already the register on **Wednesday 11th September, 3:30-4:30pm.**

Wraparound Care Payments/Pre-school / Lunchtime payments & School dinners

Payments for all of the above are paid online via SchoolMoney and you will shortly receive a text and

email requesting payment. Wraparound care, pre-school and lunchtime sessions are payable for the month and school dinners for the half term. Payments should be made by the date indicated, which is normally within 3 days of the request for payment. Any problems please contact Mandy Parr at the School Office on option 4 or by email at mparr@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk.

If any parents wish to pay by the government's tax-free childcare payments scheme, please contact Mandy Parr about how this works.

11+ Examination.

The 11+ examination will take place for registered pupils on **Monday 16th September**. The 'Test Day Identity Forms' that have been returned to school will be stamped and signed by Mr Burrows and can be collected from the School Office from the end of the school day on **Monday 9th September**.

School Admissions

Applications for Foundation 2 and Year 7 school places in September 2025

If your child is due to move up to Foundation 2 in primary school or Year 7 in secondary school in September 2025, and you are a Wirral resident, the online application process opened on **1 September 2024**.

For Year 7 in September 2025 the deadline for applying is **31 October 2024**, and for Foundation 2 the deadline is **15 January 2025**.

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For more information about the application process go to: <http://www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions> or phone 0151 666 4600.

Please contact schools directly for information about open events and admissions arrangements.

High School Open Evenings

Dates and times of the secondary school open evenings available to parents and children in years 4/5/6 can be found via the following link:

<https://familytoolbox.co.uk/resource-list/secondary-school-open-events/>

Please note that open events during the school day are for parents and carers only.

School Lane Parking

With school resuming after the Summer, we have seen an increase in the problems created by vehicles on School Lane. A major worry now is a steady upturn in the incidences of dangerous parking and manoeuvres carried out by drivers along School Lane during drop-off and pick-up times. We are particularly concerned about parking by the school gates, including outside Old School House, in a restricted area clearly demarcated with single yellow lines and zigzags. These actions place pupils and pedestrians at risk.

Attached with this week's Dawpool is essential information for all drivers regarding School Lane. Please share this information with those responsible for your child's transportation to and from school.

Linghams Book Signing



If you are interested in this book signing, please follow this link

<https://linghams.co.uk/event/meet-alexander-armstrong-10-th-september-4-15-to-5-15-book-signing/>

CHURCH NEWS

For more information about Services and events at St Bartholomew's Thurstaston and St Chad's Irby during the summer, please visit:

Website:

<https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/>

Email:

office@thurstaston.org.uk

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/stchadsstbarts/>

Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/StBartsStChads>

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**2024
LEARNING
TOGETHER:**
EDUCATION IN
OUR COMMUNITY

cte.org.uk/educationsunday2024

Help us to be mindful that learning is a gift from you to be cherished, to be used for the betterment of ourselves and others and to the glory of your name and the furtherance of your kingdom, according to your will.

We pray for all those who contribute to Dawpool school: for the teachers, teaching assistants, support staff, parents, families, volunteers, clergy, leaders and governors. May they each know what a valuable contribution they bring in helping their learners flourish and grow. We thank you Lord for their talents. We pray for those who learn, whether that comes easily to them or is difficult, that they see the opportunities before them and grow in confidence and wisdom and flourish. We thank you Lord for their curiosity and creativity.

We ask all these things in your name. Amen.

Education Sunday 2024

Education Sunday is a special Sunday on which churches across England and Wales pray for all those who work in education, and pray for all those who learn. It has been celebrated for over 100 years. It is a time to think about how the Church can support education and a time to give thanks for the gift of education. Education Sunday takes place on **Sunday 8th September.**

As we start a new school year, may we share with you a prayer:

Dear Lord God,

We thank you for the gift of learning, and that as humans we can increase our knowledge, deepen our understanding and sharpen our skills and abilities.

Have a lovely weekend,

David Burrows
Head Teacher

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